

NewYork-Presbyterian PPS Newsletter

Welcome to the latest edition of the NYP PPS newsletter. We hope you enjoy the updates!

Mid-Point Assessment Update: The Independent Assessor (IA) has completed its Mid-Point Assessment of the PPSs, which included an analysis of PPS quarterly reports submitted to date, a 360 survey of sampled network partners, review of project and organizational narratives prepared by each PPS and a site visit made by the IA to all PPSs. The IA released its Mid-Point Assessment Reports with recommendations for public comment on November 29, 2016. All Mid-Point Assessment Reports can be found [here](#). Comments can be submitted to dsrip_midpoint@pcgus.com through December 21, 2016. Final recommendations are scheduled for delivery by the NYS Commissioner of Health to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) in February 2017. The full Mid-Point Assessment timeline can be found [here](#).

Overall, the IA concluded that the NYP PPS is on track and has the necessary capacity and infrastructure to successfully meet all of the DSRIP goals. In its report, the IA notes several opportunities for increased efforts by the NYP PPS, particularly in the areas of distribution of funds across collaborators and collaborator engagement. Collaborator engagement and funds flow are a significant priority for the NYP PPS. The report does not currently reflect the contracts that have been executed with CBOs to support field-based staff (CHWs, Peers, etc.), the indirect support provided to independent community providers or the costs related to rolling out IS tools across the PPS. The IA report, and the underlying PPS reporting mechanism, also does not accurately reflect the 18+ months of engagement of our collaborators in the PPS governance structure, project-specific committees, project-specific workflow development and the rollout of Healthix and other IT tools.

The NYP PPS has submitted a response to the IA outlining various feedback for the initial report. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact us at

Update on the Election and DSRIP: In light of the recent presidential election, we would like to share the following message from Jason Helgerson, NYS Medicaid Director, regarding the DSRIP Program.

All - With the election results, many have raised questions regarding implications for DSRIP. We wanted to share the following points to help clarify some concerns.

- DSRIP is not part of the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and would not be affected by legislative attempts related to the ACA.
- DSRIP is part of a waiver amendment agreement with CMS, authorized through March 2020 and run by the state government.
- Health care system reform and Value Based Payment efforts will continue as these are industry drivers for improved quality and sustainability. Medicare has adopted VBP as part of their program policy and commercial payers are pursuing similar arrangements.

The tremendous efforts by the State and the PPSs to transform the system under DSRIP will continue. Please keep focused on the DSRIP goals and projects, and maintain the collaborative and positive work you and your staff have accomplished so far. Proceed with Fact-based Optimism.

Jason Helgerson
Medicaid Director

Resource Spotlight: The Consulting Workshop

How many times have you wished you had budget to hire a big time consulting agency?

Columbia University would like you to consider having a group of Mailman School of Public Health graduate students come on board for a semester to help deliver fact-based analyses and recommendations for you and your organization to better meet the challenges facing the community. This special Mailman course, the Consulting Workshop (CWS), provides graduate students with the opportunity to solve a strategic, policy, marketing or operational problem for a client - you - and gain experience analogous to the project-based dynamic of professional consultants. Client organizations are drawn from the spectrum of the healthcare sector, including world-renowned hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, health plans, social service nonprofits, public health organizations and more.

In this course, graduate students serve as the consulting team on a significant project to tackle a real-world issue identified by the client -- from financial modeling to assessing program readiness to designing public awareness campaigns. Consulting groups work directly with client senior executives under the guidance and expertise of senior faculty members with extensive business experience, who act as account managers and partners.

If you are interested, please reach out to John S. Winkleman (Director of the Consulting Workshop) at jsw2154@cumc.columbia.edu by sending him information regarding the issue you want tackled along with your name, title, organization name and your phone and email. For additional information about the Consulting Workshop, please click [here](#) for a flyer about the course.

Collaborator Spotlight: Association to Benefit Children



The mission of Association to Benefit Children (ABC) is to defend the right of every child to a joyful and nurturing childhood by creating compassionate programs in urgent response to the needs of New York City's most vulnerable children and families. Since 1986, ABC has developed replicable model programs that are comprehensive, cost-effective and sustainable. These proven models spread ABC's innovation and advocacy, reaching children throughout New York City and well beyond its borders. ABC's services include early childhood education, youth development, family preservation, supportive housing and mental health treatment.

ABC's Fast Break Mobile Mental Health Clinic for children, led by a full-time, board-certified Child Psychiatrist, was New York City's first mobile mental health crisis and disaster clinic for children. Today, Fast Break provides the following:

- Crisis intervention for children anywhere in Manhattan (24 hours a day/7 days per week) within 2 hours
- Mental health treatment in three different clinics for children and families
 - Serving children ages 0-17 years old (they take referrals for children younger than 5 years old)
 - Providing evidence-based treatment, including Child-Parent Psychotherapy
- Family Support
 - Parent Advocates help families address other needs

To make a referral to any of ABC's Fast Break services, please see the locations and numbers below. ABC accepts most Medicaid insurance plans for its clinic-based services, while its crisis team remains free to children and families living in

Manhattan. To learn more about ABC, please visit their website at www.a-b-c.org.

ABC Fast Break 115 158 E 115th Street (& Lexington Avenue) Referral line: 646-459-6174	ABC Fast Break 1841 Park Avenue (& E. 126th St) Referral line: 646-459-6165
ABC Fast Break-The Bronx (Highbridge) 1366 Inwood Avenue (& E. 170th St) Referral line: 929-288-4320	ABC Children's Mobile Crisis Team (Manhattan only) Referral line: 1-800-NYC-WELL

Staff Spotlight: Julio J. Martinez, B.A.

This month, we would like to highlight Julio Martinez, a passionate Patient Navigator at NYP/Weill Cornell's Emergency Department. The Patient Navigator program functions as the primary and specialty care coordinator for patients, while educating and empowering them on key messages that include having a primary care physician, maintaining active insurance and adherence to care plans. For Julio, what appealed to him with the Patient Navigator program was to work closely with patients and educate them on the healthcare system. As it is ever-changing, patients tend to fall out of care. Julio finds that his favorite part of working as a Patient Navigator is meeting different patients and hearing their unique stories. During Julio's journey as a Patient Navigator, his greatest accomplishments have been meeting with patients who have a high need for navigation, offering his services to them and watching the process of empowerment resonate with these patients.



Julio previously worked with BronxWorks' Homebase, a shelter prevention program, as a Case Manager for three years prior to joining the Patient Navigator team. During his career at BronxWorks, he advocated for tenants, represented clients in housing court, linked clients with resources and referred clients to other community-based programs for additional support and assistance. Julio worked primarily with the Hispanic community and his fluency in Spanish made it easy to connect with patients and help them through each step of the way. In 2011, Julio received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Binghamton University. This past fall, with the support and encouragement of his supervisor and manager, he enrolled at CUNY School of Public Health and is working toward a Master of Public Health degree in Community Health Education. Apart from work,

Julio's favorite holiday is Christmas and he cannot wait to celebrate with his family.

NYP PPS by the Numbers: In the coming newsletter issues, we will be including this section to highlight some of our cross-project accomplishments in a quick and easily accessible way. We hope you enjoy these updates.

- Through the work of the REACH Collaborative (Ready to End AIDS and Cure Hepatitis C), 140 patients have initiated Pre-exposure Prophylaxis (PrEP) making NYP the second largest provider of PrEP in New York City.
- Through the Ambulatory ICU efforts, the team has been able to identify over 6,000 children with special health care needs and over 1,600 adults with complex care needs in the PCMH sites.
- The NYP PPS has recruited ~30 community-based Community Health Workers, Peers and Substance Use Specialists hosted by CBOs and community-based providers.